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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908.

LOOKS as though "wet" spots in Ohio would soon be far apart and few between.

OHIO has 60 "dry" counties, nine "wet" and 16 yet to vote, Mahoning being in the latter class.

GOV. HARRIS has issued a call for a special session of the legislature to convene in Columbus Monday, Jan. 4.

"WILD hunt for \$5,000" is the headline in a Columbus newspaper. With most of us, as Christmas nears, it is a wild hunt for \$5.

THERE are about 12,000 fourth class postoffices in the United States but more must be established if all the men who want to handle the mail of other people are provided with jobs.

THE inauguration of Gov. Harmon next month is to be made the greatest event of the kind the state has ever had. Republicans and democrats are working together to accomplish this end.

THE literary bureau of candidates who desire to succeed Senator Forsaker are working over time, and if newspapers receiving the stuff printed in all there would be no room in the papers for anything else.

CONGRESSMAN BURTON of Cleveland is in the senatorial race to stay until the finish and the effort of President Roosevelt or any one else to get him out of the way in the interest of Charles P. Taft will not avail.

Youngstown.

The committee appointed to feel the public pulse to ascertain whether or not a Rose local option election is desired in this county is going carefully over the ground and no hasty decision will be reached. There is no concealing the fact that a considerable number of people who would naturally be expected to favor a "dry" county are not only against the Rose law but will use their influence and means to continue the present order of things if the local option question comes to a vote.

Dr. Will Buchner had an automobile stolen Sunday night.

That overhead bridge at Spring Common will probably be built before the new court house is completed.

More being made to have a union trolley station on Champion street between Boardman and Front streets.

It is now certain that there will be no big polo games in this city during the winter.

This city has been made headquarters for molders' unions for considerable territory.

M. A. Norris is a candidate for circuit judge to succeed Judge Burrows, who will resign. And it will not require much coaxing to get Charles Koonce into the running.

Frank Ward, who shot and killed Walter Hendry during a drunken controversy last summer, was sentenced to the pen for three years and Sheriff DeNormandie took him to Columbus Friday.

Ed. Maples, a machinist 24 years old, employed at the Ohio steel plant, was killed by a street car at Mosier Saturday night.

J. B. Davis and Geo. Kennedy will resign from council in order to give undivided attention to their own business.

Judge J. R. Johnston is a rapid candidate for appointment to the circuit bench to succeed Judge Burrows.

Judge Johnston is eminently qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires and hundreds of friends throughout the county and district hope that he may be able to land the plum.

While going to church last Sunday Mrs. Anna Greenwood fell on the icy sidewalk and sustained a broken hip and arm.

With well on to 200 saloons in the city and the influence they have behind them it will be no summer picnic job to vote Mahoning county dry.

How many members of the police force will vote and work to put Mahoning in the dry class?

Joe Weber and two brothers were arrested in Mantua a couple of weeks ago charged with hunting without a permit.

Their fines were remitted and Weber gave a check for \$10 to cover the costs.

When he arrived home he stopped payment of the check. That brought an officer from Mantua and Weber had to pay the costs and \$5 expenses for the officer who came here. Rather expensive hunting.

Iron mills in the two valleys are running pretty steady.

There are a lot of people in this city who will have very little Christmas cheer unless some one comes to the front and furnishes it.

New Albany.

DEC. 16—School opened Monday in the new schoolhouse. Prof. J. C. Zimmerman and E. G. Calvin of Greenford and Peter McCarver of Gettysburg were present. Brief addresses were made. School will close Friday for the holiday vacation.

Born, Thursday, to Howard Slagle and wife a son.

Alva Houze went to Ravenna Saturday to see his wife, who is ill at the home of her mother.

A literary program was rendered by the village school Friday afternoon.

The Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment.

Russell Courtney of Salem was in the village Friday.

Obedience and muzzle your dog.

Vesper services at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 4 p. m., with the Christmas music, "King of Israel," sung by the choir.

Take your watches and clocks of Carpenter.

Washingtonville.

The school is practicing on a drama for the holidays.

The Winona schools have been closed on account of scarletina.

John Horst, residing east of town, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Harvey Baker has moved into the J. C. Welkater property on Water street.

Another son arrived last Friday at the home of August Matthy and wife.

Miss Minnie Stouffer is clerking in the Co-op store during the holiday rush.

Mrs. Alice Eyster and daughter, Mrs. Vanite DeJans, were in Salem Wednesday.

The independent club met at the home of Miss Helen Welkater Friday evening.

Leo Bowker, wife and family of Milner are visiting his parents, Wm. Bowker and wife.

F. L. Stouffer had 16 hogs butchered Tuesday; this morning 64 hams, and shoulders and a good yield of lard.

The young people of the Lutheran church say that they are going to present a Christmas program worthy of a good collection.

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QUITE TO THE LIMIT.

Grandpa was chatting amicably with his little granddaughter, who was snugly ensconced on his knee.

"What makes your hair so white, grandpa?" the little miss queried.

"I am very old, my dear; I was in the ark," replied the old man, with a painful disregard of the truth.

"Oh, you are Noah?"

"No."

"Are you Shem, then?"

"No, I am not Shem."

"Are you Ham?"

"No."

"Then," said the kid, who was fast nearing the limit of her Biblical knowledge, "you must be Japhet."

A negative reply was given to this query also, for the ancient liar inwardly wondered what the outcome would be.

"But, grandpa, if you are not Noah, or Shem, or Ham, or Japhet, you must be a beast!"

A BLASTED CAREER.

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DOUBLE ENTRY AS HE KNEW IT.

Jim's Simple System That, Strange to Say, Caused Discontent.

Jim Saunders, the veteran oyster dealer of the village, was mad. His honesty had never before been impeached. He stood in the open doorway of his one-room shanty down near the station, catching each passer-by in turn and pouring into his ear a rehearsal of his woes. The country doctor who had passed that way since early morning.

Jim drew himself up proudly and wiping the tobacco juice out of the corners of his mouth with his coat sleeve, answered, stoutly:

"Tain't, doctor—tain't that. I keeps double entry jes like all the storekeepers hereabouts, I reckon, and I never overcharges."

The doctor smiled quizzically.

"What do you understand by double-entry bookkeeping, Jim?"

Jim stared at the doctor, astonished, his big slotted brown eyes opening wide as he ran his hand through his shock of whitening brown hair.

"Well, do tell, doctor, don't you know? An' you a college man! Why, man, it's jes as simple as rollin' off a log. A man comes along and asks for oysters, and you gives 'em to 'im, and ef he don't put the money down on the counter, then, you charges him up in the book for 30 days. Then ef he don't pay up in 30 days, or, say, six weeks, you puts him down in the book again. There—ain't that simple?"

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